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State Board of Professional Engineers And Land Surveyors Minutes of April 20, 2023 Public Session Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of the scheduled the April 20, 2023 meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was not held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, but remotely. Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3, adequate notice was made by mailing and posting in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-18. The meeting was called to order by President James Purcell at 9:03 am and conducted virtually.

SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

President Purcell read the statement required by Chapter 231, Laws of 1975 known as the Open Public Meetings Act, and announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star-Ledger, Trenton Times, the Camden Courier Post, Bergen Record, and the Atlantic City Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Manar Alsharaa, PE James Purcell, PE
Gary Paparozzi, PLS Tam Sillick, PE
Lisa Peterson, PE, PLS James Valenti, PE
Michael Venuto, PE, PLS

Absent: Magdy Hagag, PE

Others present: Steven Flanzman, Sr. Deputy Attorney General; Keith Miller, Acting Executive Director; Mehnaz Rahim, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs and John Passante, Deputy Attorney General; staff members Lynn Craddock, Yolanda Winston and Peggy Hinkley and twelve members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Investigative Inquiry with respondent in ENG-2022-02002 scheduled for today has been postponed to a future meeting.

Add Pamela Clenace application for full board review.

ACTION: After reviewing the agenda, the Board, on a motion by BM Peterson, seconded by BM Venuto unanimously voted to approve the agenda as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None were made

APPEARANCES

10:15 am – Administrative Hearing with Peter Seckinger, PE

ACTION: Subsequent to the Administrative Hearing, the Board on a motion by BM Valenti, seconded by BM Peterson, voted unanimously to table this matter until Mr. Seckinger provides copies of the documents he shared on screen or read into the record as well as letters from Dr. Gates and Dr. Blanchard within 15 days from today. The transcripts have also been ordered from the court reporter.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

March 16, 2023 for review

ACTION: After reviewing the minutes of March 16, 2023, the Board, on a motion by BM Paparozzi, seconded by BM Venuto, voted to approve the minutes as presented. BP Purcell and BM Alsharaa abstained from voting. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A General Report

1 Licensing statistics

	Active	Expired	Retired
Professional Engineers	19,507	16,902	3,071
Professional Land Surveyors	695	789	196

2 State Specific Exam – upcoming administrations June 14, 2023 @ 10 am

B Incoming Correspondence

Sean R. Turley, PE
February 28, 2023
Re: Building Design law question

ACTION: BP Purcell and BM Alsharaa to research past determinations of the Joint Committee related to Mr. Turley's question and draft a response to be reviewed by both the Executive Directors of PELS Board and the Architect board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A Standing Committees:

I Application Committee

ACTION: The committee provided Executive Director Miller with some comments at the last meeting, which have been implemented i.e. checklist, consistent format of documents. Staff is moving the right direction in process these applications. ED Miller did report that staff administratively reviews and approves applications for Engineer-in-training certificates, unless some item arises for a full board review.

II Education Committee

4/20/2023 Report from Education Committee is attached

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Paparozzi, seconded by BM Alsharaa, unanimously voted to approve report submitted. Further discussion resulted in the committee to schedule a meeting with Mehnaz Rahim, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, to discuss a possible regulation change pertaining to continuing education credits, limit the number of hours that can be obtained in a 24 hour period. This discussion will cover both Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors continuing education regulations.

III Legislation Committee

4/20/2023 Bill A-5283 which requires calculation of national average time needed to approve applications for initial credential in profession or occupation and use of average time as standard in New Jersey.

ACTION: Mehnaz Rahim, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, was present to discuss this legislation with the Board. After hearing the summary of the legislation, the Board strongly oppose this legislation as it appears to be absurdly misguided. The Board has limited resources; the bill does not take into consideration that some States have fewer applicants applying for licensure versus states with large number of applicants applying for

licensure. The Bill also does not determine when the application period starts as applications don't come into the board office complete with all documents, sometimes additional information is required to make a determination, sometime information submitted is not sufficient.

IV NCEES Committee

ACTION: BP Purcell reported that NCEES Zone meetings will be held next week and he and BM Alsharaa will be attending and representing New Jersey at the Zone meetings. NCEES will hold State of the Council meetings prior to Annual Meeting scheduled to take place in Boston in August.

V Joint Committee

Next scheduled meeting is May 2, 2023.

ACTION: Duly noted.

VI Investigation Committee

ACTION: Duly noted.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS AND CPC COURSES

A Routine Licensure

ACTION: On a motion by BM Paporozzi, seconded by BM Venuto, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following applications as indicated:

Name	Application #	Comity/Exam	Decision
Ahmed, Nasser	2618746	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Al Farah, Thamer Yacoub	2608855	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Baraniewicz, Kamil	2656451	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Buechel, Craig	2660928	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Cap, Phillip	2663840	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Chan, Chung Sing Peter	2659961	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Clark, Kristine R.	2663183	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Drenning, Gregory	2637911	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Drye, Heath Weston	2621079	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Eshun, Kow Okyere	2655743	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Giunta, Mark A	1518133	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Goldstein, Andrew Scott	2626328	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Heath, William Estill	2646384	Comity	Grant PE Licensure

Ilelaboye, Olaoluwa	2659012	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Jackman, Greg	2645176	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Key, Austin	2643852	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Kotey, Selom N.	2645901	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Law, Andy	2656953	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Liane, Edwina	2631735	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Lombardo, Michael V	2653718	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Lopez, Michelle Alejandra	2657015	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Lund, Robert Lee, Jr.	2663536	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Luu, Perry Xuan	2634142	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mack, Scott A	2633158	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mahmood, Asad	2663108	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mahmoudi, Megan	2653166	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Markarova, Viktoriya	2654558	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Massey, Dallas Patrick	2663424	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mavinga, Tresor Sengo	2653920	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mead, William T, Jr.	2657974	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Meyer, Aileen Maguire	2616327	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Mirza, Usman	2662008	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Monnot, Andre Charles	2663456	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Na, Aaron	2637321	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
O'Rourke, Timothy Patrick	2668995	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Pace, Rodney Austin	2658269	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Pan, Yan	2648930	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Pettit, Michael Andrew	2662845	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Rafferty, Kevin	2634530	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Regmi, Kamal	2627881	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Reilly, Stephen James	2638558	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ripley, Laura	2652452	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Rowan, Austin Taylor	2669769	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Ryan, Devon	2669326	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Saunders, Les M, Jr.	2649020	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Shrestha, Sujana	2624772	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Stuerke, Louis Ross	2645496	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Transue, Mark, Jr.	2651393	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Turiano, Kara	2662278	Exam	Grant PE Licensure
Waters, Ross Eugene	2656142	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Whitican, Steven Michael	2641836	Comity	Grant PE Licensure
Zach, Bryan	2660148	Comity	Grant PE Licensure

B Continuing Professional Competency Courses

APPROVE	Provider	Course	Total PDH#
	PDH Academy	Remote Sensing for Surveyors	3

DENY	Provider	Course	Total PDH#
	AquaKJear of New Jersey	Conventional and Advanoo! Treatment Unit Septic Systems	6

ACTION: On a motion by BM Paparozzi, seconded by BM Venuto, the Board unanimously voted to approve the above courses as noted.

C Full Board Review

1 Parshva Shah, PE+ Applicant #2571680

+ To be reviewed in Executive Session

ACTION: The Board determined to table the application until the additional information is received.

2 Pamela Clenace

August 24, 2022

Re: FE Waiver Request

On January 19, 2023, the Board tabled this item until Executive Director Miller reviews the issue. In February 2023, the Board determined her application is not yet complete to consider her request for a waiver from the FE exam. Upon completion of her application, her request will be revisited in the future.

ACTION: Upon review of her completed application the Board, on a motion by BP Purcell, seconded by BM Alsharaa, unanimously voted to grant her request for a waiver of the FE exam.

D Reinstatement

No applications submitted for review

E Certificates of Authorizations

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Paparozzi, seconded by BM Valenti, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following companies for Certificates of Authorization.

INTERA, INC.

9600 Great Hills Trail, Suite 300W

Austin, TX 78759

Application #2686078

IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP.

623 26TH Avenue

Rock Island, IL 61201

Application #2686106

GRAY AE PSC, INC.
10 Quality Street
Lexington, KY 40507
Application #2686208

WSB & ASSOCIATES, INC.
701 Xenia Avenue S No. 300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
Application #2686493

ON POINT SURVEYING & ENGINEERING LLC.
263 Main Street, Apt 101
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010
Application #2686502

BSB ENTASIS LLC.
4601 Weston Parkway - Suite 208
West Des Moines, IA 50266
Application #2686539

INTROBA INC.
6 South Old Orchard Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63119
Application #2686086

CHARLES TAYLOR ENGINEERING TECHNICAL SERVICES LLC.
5926 McIntyre Street
Golden, CO 80403
Application #2686706

KULTIVATE MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS
1027 Glenford Ct.
Kirkwood, MO 63122
Application# 2686776

INFORMATIONAL / DISCUSSION ITEMS

BP Purcell raised the issue that NJ Department of Environmental Protection is requiring submitted plans to be digitally signed and sealed on each page of the document. Department of Community Affairs as well as NJ Department of Transportation are moving in the same direction pertaining to plan submissions. Not all software programs can handle the signing and sealing of each page. The software is meant to encrypt the complete set of plans for submission not each individual page.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Before the floor was opened for comments, ED Miller advised members of the public present that this is not the forum to address the status of their applications and they should email him directly for an update on their individual application.

Colin Swaysland presented his concerns regarding unanswered emails and phone calls to the Board office who cannot provide information.

ED Miller responded that the Board appreciates his comments and concerns and provided his email address as contact for application status.

Ram Narayanan presented his concerns that he receives no response to emails sent to board staff, not even an acknowledgement that email has been received and the issue will be reviewed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION for the purposes of reviewing Executive Session minutes, review of complaints, consideration of disciplinary actions and advice of counsel.

ACTION: The Board, on a motion by BM Sillick, seconded by BM Venuto, unanimously voted to go into executive session.

NEXT MEETINGS

May 18, 2023

Investigative Inquiry pertaining to ENG-2022-00803

Investigative Inquiry pertaining to ENG-2022-04946

June 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by BM Sillick, seconded by BM Venuto, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

James Purcell, PE
Board President

Keith Miller
Executive Director